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MAY 25, 1974

TO: JERRY BREMER/PETER RODMAN

FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

THE PRESIDENT CALLED TO ASK HOW YOU WERE DOING. I SAID THAT YOU HAD FORMULATED PROPOSALS TO RESOLVE THE REMAINING ITEMS AND THAT YOU HAD MORE OR LESS GIVEN THE PARTIES AN ULTIMATUM REGARDING YOUR DEPARTURE IN AN ATTEMPT TO TERMINATE THE END-LESS HAGGLING. HE ASKED ABOUT THE "SWEETENER" FOR THE ISRAELIS AND I SAID I WAS NOT AWARE THAT YOU HAD YET USED IT. IN TALKING WITH SADAT ABOUT THE MERITS OF A TRIP, THE PRESIDENT WANTED YOU TO BE AWARE--AND PERHAPS SADAT ALSO--THAT IF HE DID NOT COME BEFORE THE SOVIET SUMMIT IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE A TRIP BEFORE NOVEMBER. FOLLOWING THE SUMMIT, HE SAID, THERE WOULD BE THE WATERGATE BUSINESS AND THEN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

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DEFENSE WOULD LIKE TO SEND A NEW TASK FORCE INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN ABOUT JULY 1, HEADED BY THE CRUISER CHICAGO.

I CHIDED BILL SIMON ABOUT STEALING PERSONNEL FROM US. HE SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT COOPER WAS STILL GOING TO WORK IN THE NSC--HE THOUGHT HE WAS SCHEDULED TO MOVE COMPLETELY OVER TO CIEP. SIMON ADDED THAT WHEN FLANIGAN TOLD HIM COOPER HAD DECIDED NOT TO TAKE THE CIEP JOB BUT TO RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE, HE THOUGHT HE SHOULD TRY TO KEEP HIM IN THE GOVERNMENT AND OFFERED HIM THE TREASURY JOB. I HAVE NO REASON TO THINK THAT IS NOT THE FULL STORY OF BILL'S INVOLVEMENT.

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